## **REMARKS**

This response addresses those issues raised in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005. Applicant initially would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case and allowing Claims 1, 2 and 4-20. Through the above amendments to Claim 3 and the Abstract and the submission of acceptable formal drawings, Applicant has addressed the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant believes that each claim is in condition for final allowance, and prompt notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

## **Drawing Objection**

The Examiner noted that "the drawings are of poor legibility and clarity" but also indicated that the drawings must be made formal in response to the Office Action. Replacement formal drawings, Figures 1-7, are attached hereto.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the

Examiner, through the attached request for interview, to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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